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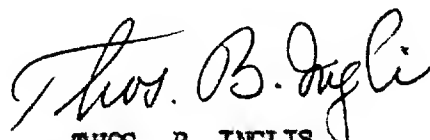
MEMORANDUM for Joint Intelligence Committee.
Director of Central Intelligence.

Subject: Intelligence Terminology, Definition of

1. The Joint Chiefs of Staff directed the Joint Staff College, now the National War College, to prepare a Joint Dictionary of Terms for Army-Navy Use. (JCS 1373 Series - JIC 383 Series).
2. The first draft of the proposed dictionary has been issued for comment by the various agencies of the War and Navy Departments.
3. The dictionary includes definitions of words and terms used in a specialized and technical sense by the various intelligence agencies.
4. The Central Intelligence Group has found it necessary to attempt a clarification of words and terms used by intelligence agencies in an effort to create a professional dictionary useful to all Government agencies through reduction of the definitions to common denominators acceptable to all agencies. (Memo DCI of 2 Dec. 1946.)
5. It is highly desirable that such clarification be achieved in order to eliminate misunderstanding and confusion between, and within, the various agencies concerned.
6. It, therefore, is recommended that:
 - (a) JCS agencies and CIC undertake a joint project for preparation of a professional dictionary of intelligence terms to be standard for all Federal intelligence agencies.
 - (b) The definitions established be included in the Joint Dictionary of Terms for Army-Navy use.
 - (c) A trained and qualified lexicographer be employed to supervise and direct the work

so that the approved professional definitions coincide as closely as possible with the general meaning as set forth in standard dictionaries.

- (d) JIS and CIE jointly request JCS to withdraw from the Joint Dictionary all intelligence words and terms pending completion of the project outlined in (a).



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